



CDBG Planning-Only Grants

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Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning-Only Grants are made available annually through a competitive application process to assist Washington State small cities, towns and counties in carrying out planning efforts that principally benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. The Washington State CDBG Planning-Only Grants are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Funds Available

Approximately \$400,000 will be available for Planning-Only Grants in 2010. Planning-Only grants are limited to \$24,000 for a single applicant or \$40,000 for a joint application involving two or more eligible jurisdictions with a common planning need. Applications must meet one of the following program priorities:

- Addresses a public health and safety issue
- Assists communities in planning that principally LMI persons
- Completes a necessary and specific step in a broader community development strategy

Applications meeting all of the criteria listed below may be funded up to \$35,000 for a single jurisdiction or \$50,000 for two or more eligible jurisdictions with a common planning need.

- Requirement of regulatory agency (i.e. Departments of Health or Ecology)
- Community is facing financial hardship in addressing an issue
- Other funding sources have been considered (i.e. Public Works Trust Fund Loan)

Eligibility Guidelines

- Eligible applicants are Washington State cities and towns with population less than 50,000 or counties with population less than 200,000 that are non-entitlement jurisdictions or are not participants in a HUD Urban County Entitlement Consortium.
- Non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, and special purpose organizations such as public housing authorities, port districts, community action agencies, and economic development councils, are not eligible to apply directly to the CDBG Program for funding, but may be partners in projects and subrecipients of funding through eligible jurisdictions.
- Projects must principally benefit low-and moderate-income persons.
- Local governments may submit only one application each program year.

Application Process

1. Applications will be available February 2010.
2. Applications will be accepted March through December 2010 until all funds are awarded.
3. Applications are rated by a review committee and funded until available funds have been obligated.